



A Showman's Dream



Angus juniors earn top showmanship awards at national contest.

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Junior Angus members from 32 states competed for the title of Champion Angus Showman at the 41st National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, July 6-7, at the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla. The 54 competitors qualified by earning the right within their respective state. The national contest is sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary and Andis® clippers.

Allison Bond, Inola, Okla., won first place after being named to the top 15 juniors to compete in the final round. She received the esteemed Dean Hurlbut Award, which includes a silver Revere bowl, as well as a monetary award provided by the Hamilton James Memorial Fund.

Megan Fink, Randolph, Kan., earned second-place honors. Katie Lents, Eton, Ga., claimed third place; and Kirbe Schnoor, Chowchilla, Calif., won fourth. Samantha Harl, Hastings, Neb., rounded out the top five, who each received a monetary award as well as a silver Revere bowl provided by the Auxiliary.

Exhibitors show animals chosen by

random selection, and their performance is evaluated by a panel of top showmen. They are judged on skill, ability to follow instructions, use of equipment, courtesy,

sportsmanship and general appearance. After four preliminary rounds, 15 finalists are chosen and receive clippers provided by Andis.

Evaluating the contestants were judges Tammy Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.; Ryan Cotton, Clarkesville, Ga.; and Cody Sankey, Lansing, Mich.

Other finalists in the top 15 include Ashlyn Carter, Upland, Ind.; Walt Stinson, Talbott, Tenn.; Jordan Davis, Foss, Okla.; Julie Thelen, Saline, Mich.; Ty Goossen, Hillsboro, Kan.; Seth Sumrall, Monticello, Miss.; Katie Jensen, North English, Iowa; Trey Davis, Doerun, Ga.; Jordan Hunter, Fair Grove, Mo.; and Katrina Womack, Telephone, Texas.

Juniors who received honorable mention include Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa; Garrett Johnston, Staunton, Va.; Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; Zach Kinne, Eagleville, Mo.; Kara Wilson, Orleans, Ind.; Sarah Butler, Bliss, Idaho; and Allison Burns, Troutdale, Ore.



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